

**COLONEL LIGHT GARDENS**  
GARDEN SUBURB COMMISSIONER

**GARDEN SUBURB ACT, 1919 —REPORT FOR YEAR  
ENDING JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>, 1921.**

GARDEN SUBURB COMMISSIONER GARDEN SUBURB ACT, 1919. Adelaide, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 1921

Sir—In accordance with the provisions of section 28 of the Garden Suburb Act, 1919, I have the honour to submit a report for the period of 12 months ended June 30<sup>th</sup> 1921.

The land constituting Colonel Light Gardens comprises 298 acres 1 rood and 37 perches, acquired at a cost of £ 20,193 13s. 9d., and having been used as a military training ground for several years, its position and surroundings are familiar to the majority of the citizens. The military authorities relinquished occupation on the 30<sup>th</sup> January, 1920, since which date the land has been used for grazing and intermittently for military purposes.

The Garden Suburb Commissioner (Mr. M. F. McNamara), on his appointment as Inspector-General of the State Bank, found that his duties in connection with that institution prevented him from giving the requisite attention necessary to ensure the active development of the land on the lines of a modern garden suburb, and, following on his resignation, the Government conferred the appointment on myself, dating from 1<sup>st</sup> March 1921. I at once arranged for the survey of part of the north-eastern corner of the suburb, and entered into negotiations for the extension of the tramway, gas supply, electric light, and telephonic connection. I do not anticipate any difficulty as regards the light and telephone services, but have been unable to arrive at any finality as to gas and tramway extension, although there appears to be every prospect of the Tramways Trust continuing their line from the present terminus at Clarence park along the Goodwood Road early next year.

The extension of the gas mains from the adjoining suburb of Cottonville is purely a business matter, which will no doubt appeal to the company as soon as the incentive of streets with continuous lines of residences is an accomplished fact.

It is found by practice that in subdivisions of extensive areas for residential purposes that construction of roads before offer is not only a great attraction to prospective settlers, but results in better prices being obtained for the land; unfortunately no provision was made in the Estimates for the work, which must, therefore, be delayed until returns to meet the expenditure are received from the sale of the land, or a sum provided on the Estimates and placed to the credit of the Garden Suburb Fund. In view of the provision of the Act requiring building of houses within two years from obtaining an allotment, the prompt construction of roads is more than ordinarily necessary, to enable the cartage of heavy material.

I have, &c.,

C. D. HARRIS, Garden Suburb Commissioner.  
The Hon. Commissioner of Crown Lands,  
Minister Controlling the Garden Suburb Act.

## **GARDEN SUBURB ACT, 1919 —REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>, 1922.**

GARDEN SUBURB COMMISSIONER GARDEN SUBURB ACT, 1919. Mercantile Chambers, Victoria Square East, Adelaide, August 6<sup>th</sup>. 1922 Sir—In accordance with the provisions of section 28 of the Garden Suburb Act, 1919, I have the honour to submit a report for the period of 12 months ended June 30<sup>th</sup> 1922. During the year under review the first group of blocks, comprising 118 building sites and six reserves and playgrounds, were surveyed and made available to the public. The land was freely advertised in August 1921, and resulted in 32 blocks, of an aggregate value of £3,064, being applied for. As no funds were at my disposal at the time, the land was offered without any preparatory work in the shape of roads, etc., and this fact, together with the absence of sewerage, gas, and tramway connection, is responsible largely for the somewhat meagre demand for building blocks.

### **TRANSPORT AND SERVICES.**

The Tramways Trust has intimated its intention to extend the Clarence Park line to Angas Road, about 10 chains from the north-western corner of Colonel Light Gardens, with a promise of further extension as soon as settlement warrants such being done. Every endeavour has been made to induce the Trust to continue the line to Grange Road, without success.

With regard to sewerage, the Hydraulic Engineer states that he will be unable to give any date when the Suburb will have sewerage connection, and residents are therefore compelled to install septic tanks for the time being.

The greatest desideratum is a gas supply for cooking purposes, and I find that the absence of this modern essential to the kitchen has been the deciding factor in preventing many prospective homebuilders from settling within the Gardens, although perfectly satisfied with all other conditions. The Gas Company has gone into the question, but states that the demand on their existing mains is fully equal to the supply, and in view of the large expenditure involved in installing mains of greater capacity, the company cannot at present see its way to extend the service. This is, however, only a matter of time, depending entirely on the rate of progress of the Suburb.

### **DEVELOPMENT WORKS**

During the period under review 100 chains of roads have been constructed, giving convenient access to the available blocks. This work has been carried out with the utmost regard for economy, and free of cost to the owners of blocks. Further road making is now in progress. Drains to cope with the floodwaters discharged from streets within the district council of Mitcham have been made, as well as provision for dealing with the water falling within the suburb itself. Several streets have been planted with trees and a nursery established with more than 1,000 trees supplied by the Conservator of Forests for future planting as required. A large and specially selected variety of shrubs are also in the nursery for use in ornamental plots as soon as the land is ready for development in that direction.

The survey of a further group of blocks, including a shopping area, has been made in response to inquiries for business sites. These will be offered for application so soon as the plans are passed by the Lands Title Office.

### **BUILDINGS.**

The first allotment of blocks within the suburb took place on 6<sup>th</sup>. September, 1921, with a condition that building should commence within two years from that date. It is, therefore, gratifying to note that seven houses have already been built, thus anticipating their liability in that respect, and plans of other residences are now in course of preparation. It is confidently expected that the certainty of early tramway connection and the reduction in cost of building materials will accelerate the rate of progress very considerably.

I have, &c.,

C. D. HARRIS, Garden Suburb Commissioner.

## **GARDEN SUBURB ACT—REPORT FOR 1923**

GARDEN SUBURB COMMISSIONER GARDEN SUBURB ACT, 1919. Merchantile Chambers, Victoria Square East, Adelaide, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1923 Sir— I have the honour, in accordance with section 28 of the Garden Suburb Act, 1919, to submit the following report for the financial year ending on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 1923.

During the year under review, a further group of 151 blocks were surveyed, making a total of 269 blocks offered for sale, but as the second group were not available until 21<sup>st</sup> August last, the sales of those lands do not come within the scope of this report.

### **DEVELOPMENTAL WORKS**

Constructional work carried out consists of road making, there now being 175 chains of road open for traffic, and others in course of formation. Extensive drains for the purpose of diverting storm waters have been excavated, with gratifying results, the suburb now being called on to deal with only local rainfall.

Full advantage has been undertaken of the favourable season for tree planting, and the propagation of trees and shrubs for future use. Shade trees extending over a distance of 171 chains are in position, and several plots have been planted with ornamental shrubs. The nursery is now well established for the economical production of material to meet future requirements in this direction.

### **ERECTION OF DWELLINGS.**

The first allotment of blocks was made on the 6<sup>th</sup> September, 1921., with a condition that building should commence within two years from that date, and although it was not incumbent upon purchasers to take action in that direction until the present month, 11 houses are already in occupation, and arrangements are in progress for a number of others.

### **ESSENTIAL SERVICES**

With the exception of the tramway extension from Clarence Park to Angas Road, no additional facilities to settlement have been installed since my last report. Modern homes now usually embrace adequate water supply, sewerage, electric light, and gas for cooking purposes. Water and light are so far the only services available. Nothing definite can be obtained as regards sewerage or gas, but it is anticipated that the early settlement of the suburb will induce the respective companies to supply these facilities.

### **FUTURE PROSPECTS**

Although transactions subsequent to 30<sup>th</sup> June last do not strictly come within the purview of this report, it is desirable to allude to the recent extremely active demand for allotments, conclusively showing that the public is now awake to the unique advantages offering. These advantages consisting of a good tram service, ample roads and amenities, perfect surface drainage, recreational facilities, and picturesque surroundings, have had the effect of stimulating public interest in spite of the absence of sewerage and gas for the time being.

Since the 1st July last, there have been sold 139 blocks, representing a value of £14,223, the total sales to date being 185 blocks, valued at £19,391. As the conditions require purchasers to commence building within two years from date of acquiring the land, the rapid settlement of the suburb is assured, and with these bright prospects it may with confidence be said that the undertaking will be successful in establishing an object lesson as to what constitutes an ideal residential suburb, without cost to the Government.

In accordance with the statutory requirements of the Garden Suburb Act, 1919, the following particulars are furnished;—

- (a) No moneys have been expended in acquiring land.
- (b) No buildings have been erected at the cost of the suburb.
- (c) No sales of lands other than those referred to in the report.
- (d) Six blocks have been set apart, but not yet dealt with.



I have, &c.,

C. D. HARRIS, Garden Suburb Commissioner.  
The Hon. Commissioner of Crown Lands,  
Minister Controlling the Garden Suburb Act, 1919.

**GARDEN SUBURB ACT, 1919**  
**—REPORT FOR YEAR**  
**1923-24.**

GARDEN SUBURB ACT, 1919. Mercantile Chambers, Victoria Square East, Adelaide, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
1924 Sir—In accordance with section 28 of the Garden Suburb Act, 1919, I have the honour to submit the following report for the year ended June 30<sup>th</sup> 1924:—

**BUILDING BLOCKS SOLD.**

During the year the second group of 151 blocks were offered for application, which, together with the 118 lots previously surveyed, made a total of 269 allotments. The whole of these, representing a total value of £27,527, were promptly applied for.

**ERECTION OF DWELLINGS.**

Although the greater part of the land has been sold only twelve months or less, 60 houses have been built or are in the course of erection. This is very gratifying in view of the condition which allows two years from date of acquiring a block within which to commence building. It is anticipated that the whole of the land sold will be occupied well within the period allowed.

**DEVELOPMENT.**

Constructional work carried out during the year consisted principally of road making, there being 260 chains, or over three miles, open for traffic, and a further 100 chains in progress. Considerable delay in this work has been caused owing to the difficulty in obtaining a road roller when required; but as a roller is being acquired, further delay from this cause will be avoided, and the construction of roads will be kept abreast of settlement.

**TREE PLANTING.**

Twelve streets have been planted with avenues of shade trees, consisting of robinia, ash, cedar, plane, elm, and jacaranda, in all 1,077 trees. These are carefully attended to as regards to watering, pruning and to ensure straight upright growth.

**ESSENTIAL SERVICES.**

The extension of the Clarence Park tram to a point 15 chains from the Suburb has been an important factor in inducing settlement., and the advent of motor bus services has further contributed to effective transport to and from the city. As six motor busses are now running to regular time tables, communication is well provided for. The entire area is now being reticulated by water mains, and the South Australian Gas Company has announced its intention of supplying that commodity at an early date. Sewerage is being installed, and when ready for connection nothing will be wanting to make Colonel Light Gardens a complete residential area on modern town planning lines.

**SCHOOL.**

A large block has been selected for school purposes, the buildings for which will probably be commenced forthwith in order to be ready for scholars soon after the residents enter into occupation.

## **POLICE STATION.**

A site for a police station has been purchased, and I understand that plans for the building are in course of preparation.

## **CHURCHES.**

Sites have been selected for various religious bodies, viz.:—Anglican, Roman Catholic, Congregational, Presbyterian, and Baptist. The Methodist body already has a small church on Goodwood Road opposite the Suburb.

## **THOUSAND HOMES.**

The process of development now affords an interesting and instructive lesson in urban settlement, by reason of one part of the suburb being dealt with under what may be termed “mass building,” and the remainder by individual effort, and a comparison as to the result of both methods may be made in due course. While the former undoubtedly makes for economy and rapid construction, the latter will probably be found more satisfying to those who are somewhat better situated in a financial sense and able to indulge their aesthetic inclinations. Both lines of settlements have their advantages, the greater probably being with the mass production, and any action which results in the artizan and his family being removed from a congested area to a locality with hygienic conditions, must always be of paramount consideration with all who recognise that the standard of health of the community is its most precious asset.

## **FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.**

Road construction and surface drainage will be actively carried out during the ensuing twelve months so that every home will have a metalled road of access. A supply of young trees and flowering shrubs are in the nursery under capable supervision, and it is intended to continue tree planting until every suitable street will have its avenue of shade trees and the reserves beautified by shrubs and hardy flowering plants.

I have, &c.,

C. D. HARRIS, Garden Suburb Commissioner. The Hon. The Attorney-General, Minister Administering the Garden Suburb Act, 1919, Adelaide.

# **GARDEN SUBURB COMMISSIONER**

## **—REPORT FOR YEAR**

### **1924-25**

GARDEN SUBURB ACT, 1919.

Mercantile Chambers, Victoria Square East, Adelaide, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 1925

Sir— In accordance with the provisions of section 28 of the Garden Suburb Act, 1919, I have the honor to submit the following report for the year ended the 30<sup>th</sup> June 1925, with regard to operations in Colonel Light Gardens and Colonel Light Gardens West.

### **SALES OF LAND.**

During the twelve months under review, the sum of £60,507 6s. 8d. was received in respect of building blocks; the greater proportion being on account of allotments being devoted to homes erected by the State Bank in pursuance with the Government housing policy.

### **BUILDING ACTIVITIES.**

There are now 320 houses in occupation, which number is being augmented at short intervals as buildings under State Bank auspices and by private individuals become completed. The total number of houses built and in the course of erection is now 885.

### **LAND ACQUIRED.**

In furtherance of the Thousand Homes Scheme it was decided to purchase additional land under the provisions of section 10 of the Garden Suburb Act, and an area of 79 acres on the western side of Goodwood Road, known as Shobbrock's and Hann's, was purchased at a cost of £20, 162, and subdivided into 337 blocks, the whole of which has been taken by the Trustees of the State Bank in connection with the Housing Scheme, at a price which covers outlay and allows a sufficient margin for the construction of roads and footways.

### **DEVELOPMENT.**

Constructional work carried out during the past year consisted, principally, of road making, footways, and dealing with floodwaters, as these matters were considered to be the most urgent.

Road making was delayed very considerably owing to the difficulty of obtaining a steam roller when required, and as the work became increasingly urgent with the advent of the Housing Scheme I decided to import an up-to-date implement, which has been in commission since November, 1924. The first cost was high, but the work is now done more expeditiously and at a lower cost. The roller, when not in use within the Suburb, is hired to other local governing bodies at a price that will recoup the entire cost in the course of a few years.

### **BUILDINGS ERECTED BY THE COMMISSIONER.**

A small Club House on the Tennis Reserve, and housing for the steam roller, have been erected at a total cost of £335 13s. 6d. The former is let at a rental which returns a liberal interest.

### **TREE PLANTING.**

Practically the whole of the streets of a suitable width have been planted with shade trees, the thriving condition of which proves the fertility of the soil and what may, in the near future, be expected from a Garden Suburb point of view. During the present season over 500 trees have been placed in position, making a total of 1,800 trees in and abutting on the Suburb. Shrubberies and lawns have been established in spaces set apart for that purpose.

## **STREET LIGHTING.**

An agreement has been entered into with the Adelaide Electric Supply Company for a comprehensive scheme of street lighting. The usual suspended lights have been adopted as being the most efficient, with ornamental pillar lights in positions specially suited for such. Several streets are now illuminated, and the whole area is expected to be in a similar condition in the course of a few weeks.

## **TRANSPORT.**

The extension of the tramway from Clarence Park to Angas Road—a point within about 15 chains of the Gardens, has been freely availed of, and has been an important factor in inducing early settlement. A further extension along Goodwood Road is now under consideration; the completion of the homes now being erected in the southern part of the Suburb are of a sufficient number to justify the provision of a frequent service. Many privately owned motor buses having been running for some time, both the eastern and western parts have enjoyed a fairly good service. Recently, the Tramways Trust has established a regular service of very fine buses which appear to be well patronised.

## **DEEP DRAINAGE.**

Sewerage is now available over the whole of Colonel Light Gardens proper. This was deemed very necessary in view of the relatively close settlement, both for reasons of health and from an economical aspect. The substratum being of retentive clay does not lend itself to the septic system, and had that system been adopted there is little doubt that the locality would be subject to endemic outbreaks, with the result that underground sewerage would have been insistently demanded, and a large sum involved in making the change. The wise decision of the Government in installing deep drainage has been the subject of many appreciative remarks by the residents.

## **GAS.**

The South Australian Gas Company is to be commended for its enterprise in reticulating the whole area of Colonel Light Gardens proper with gas mains, so that every householder who desires may have the advantage of this cleanly, convenient, and economical method of cooking. Unfortunately, the installation took place after the contract to supply wood stoves was entered into, otherwise a greater number of the residents would have availed themselves of this modern method of cooking.

## **ELECTRIC LIGHT.**

The Adelaide Electric Supply Company has been extremely progressive and eager to comply with all demands for lighting. Current has been supplied in every case, under arrangements between the Company and this office, much to the satisfaction of residents.

## **POSTAL.**

A daily postal delivery is in operation, and pillar boxes and public telephones have been placed in convenient positions.

## **SCHOOL.**

A commodious school, designed on the most approved modern lines, is in the course of erection, and is expected to be open for scholars in October or November next. It is announced that a further building will be erected on the same grounds at an early date, the two providing accommodation for all the children in the neighbourhood.

## **POLICE STATION.**

The building of a Police Station on Goodwood Road, within the Suburb, is expected to be commenced almost at once, tenders having been called for the work.

## **CHURCHES.**

All the principal religious bodies have selected sites for places of worship. Temporary buildings have already been erected by the Roman Catholic, Baptist, and Church of England bodies. The Congregational, Presbyterian, and Church of Christ are now in course of erection. All the above are intended as temporary structures only, to be used until such time as funds become available for more ornate buildings. Although I am averse to temporary buildings as a general rule, I considered it would be an advantage to the Suburb to permit their erection with a view to having substantial structures in the near future, rather than to press for a somewhat better class of building forthwith, which once built would be allowed to remain for many years.

## **THE HOUSING SCHEME AND PRIVATE BUILDING.**

The Housing Scheme, if not carried to fruition as early as anticipated, is undeniably for the betterment of the class it is intended to benefit. Those who are so fortunate as to obtain early possession of their homes are loud in their appreciation, and express their satisfaction in no ambiguous terms. I find they feel a personal interest, not only in their respective properties, but in the Suburb generally, and their expressions of gratification at finding roads, footways, and street tree planting so early in taking up residence, is not only extremely gratifying, but stimulates one to make every effort to meet their wants and add to their contentment. The language used in voicing their views leaves no room for doubt that the beneficent policy of the Government is understood and highly appreciated. The inception of the Housing Scheme aroused some objection on the part of those who had built or intended building in the northern part of the Suburb, but they now appear to recognise that the advantages of sewerage, gas, postal facilities, and transport, as a result of the Housing Scheme, more than outweigh any imagined disadvantages: at the same time, it has influenced the class of residences in the northern portion, inasmuch as several who intended building superior types of homes have sold their blocks and built elsewhere. The benefit has, however, accrued to the greater number, and as in all public matters, the majority must have the first consideration.

## **CONCLUSION.**

I embrace this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the untiring energy of my Secretary and Engineer, Mr. T. C. Stephens, whose first concern in all circumstances is centred in his work, and he has imbued the workmen, many of whom reside in the Suburb, with a similar interest. The result is a very happy relationship between those directing operations and those actually carrying out the work.

Mr. Stephens is now in Great Britain making investigations regarding Garden Suburb matters generally, as a result of which I anticipate being furnished with information of value to the Suburb. I have, &c.,  
C. D. HARRIS, Garden Suburb Commissioner.

# **GARDEN SUBURB COMMISSIONER**

## **—REPORT,**

### **1925-26**

GARDEN SUBURB ACT, 1919. Mercantile Chambers, Victoria Square East, Adelaide, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 1926.

The Hon. The Attorney General, The Minister Administering the Garden Suburb Acts, Adelaide.

Sir— In accordance with the provisions of section 28 of the Garden Suburb Act, 1919, and section 7 of the Garden Suburb Act, 1925, I have the honour to submit the following report regarding Colonel Light Gardens for the period ended November 30<sup>th</sup> 1926.

### **AMENDMENT OF THE GARDEN SUBURB ACT, 1919.**

With a view to bringing the financial year into uniformity with other municipal bodies, the Garden Suburb Act, 1919, which provided that the financial year ended on 30<sup>th</sup> June, was amended by the Act of 1925, which had the effect of altering the year as ending on 30<sup>th</sup> November. This was found to be desirable for many reasons, principally in order that the subsidy payable by the Government could be calculated as from 30<sup>th</sup> November, as with other municipalities. It was also necessary in connection with arrangements with the Abattoirs Board and the Metropolitan County Board.

### **SALE OF LAND.**

During the period under review the total amount received on account of land was £27,280 11s. 3d., of which £3,141 represents the sum paid by the State Bank in connection with the Thousand Homes Scheme and £24,139 11s. 3d. from private purchasers.

### **BUILDING ACTIVITIES.**

At the time of my last report there were 320 houses in occupation; at the present time there are 973 homes completed and in occupation, and 36 in course of construction. In addition to the foregoing there are 11 shops open for business and three being built. A very large picture theatre is being erected at a cost of about £15,000, and is expected to be opened early in the New Year. The Roman Catholic Church has found it necessary to provide additional accommodation for its adherents, and a similar condition applies to the Baptist community, who are now building a commodious hall and classrooms. Most encouraging reports are received from all the religious bodies, in every case the attendance exceeding expectations, and consequently requiring further accommodation.

### **ROADS AND FOOTWAYS.**

The whole of the roads within the suburb, embracing about 13 miles, as well as some 26 miles of footways have been constructed without calling on the residents for contributions.

### **STREET LIGHTING.**

All roads in the Suburb are now illuminated by electric lights, with satisfactory results.

### **EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES.**

The Infants' School has been completed since my last report, and is used to its full capacity by over 600 small children. Interstate and overseas visitors have been unanimous in expressing their admiration of the excellent arrangements of the classrooms, lighting, ventilation, and other up-to-date measures adopted to ensure the teaching of the children under the very best conditions. The new Primary School, with accommodation for 900 scholars, is a striking feature from an architectural point of view, and an evidence of the progress of settlement. The building is rapidly approaching completion, and is expected to be available immediately after the Christmas vacation.

## **POLICE STATION.**

A substantial building, comprising a court room and residence for a police officer, has been completed and occupied. The presence of a constable resident within the Suburb has been of very great value in curbing the unruly element which has been much in evidence in the southern portion of the Gardens.

## **PUBLIC HALL.**

The need for a public hall has for some time been urged by the residents, who held the view that as the building would be used for many years, the cost should be met by long-dated loan rather than by an immediate call upon ratepayers. This suggestion has been adopted, and an advance of £1,000 was obtained from the State Bank for a term of 20 years. To avoid the expense of providing cloak rooms and other necessaries, the new building is attached to the existing farm house, which has been thoroughly renovated and the rooms utilised for cloak rooms, committee room, library, and a meeting place of a branch of the returned Soldiers' and Sailors' Imperial League, which is now in course of formation. I anticipate that the revenue derived from letting the hall will be sufficient to meet payments without calling upon the ratepayers.

## **TRANSPORT.**

The service of tram buses along East Parkway is fully appreciated and well patronised by the residents in the eastern part of the suburbs, but those living along Goodwood Road and in Colonel Light Gardens West are urgently demanding an extension of the tramway from its present terminus at Angas Road to Springbank Road. This is a matter of very considerable importance to a large proportion of the residents, as the privately owned vehicles cannot cope with the requirements at times of peak loading, with the result that many have to walk to Angas Road, and, in consequence, arrive late at their employment.

## **RECREATIONAL.**

The extensive reserve known as Mortlock Park has been dealt with by Mr. Scott Griffiths, Town Planner, who has prepared a comprehensive design to include a football and cricket oval, soccer ground, trotting course, and tennis courts. A portion facing the Primary School has been set apart as a children's playground; this has been fenced in and graded. Couch grass, shade trees, and a surrounding hedge will be planted during the coming season. The Playground Committee is raising funds to provide swings and other apparatus and otherwise develop the ground. A local tennis club is using two hard courts, and two bitumen courts are now being constructed to enable practice throughout the year. The reserve at the northern end of the gardens, off Salisbury Crescent, is fully availed of. Six grass courts and twelve hard courts are all in full use. A small golf putting course has been established, and will be extended to a full course of 18 holes so soon as the grass is sufficiently advanced, about February next.

## **COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS.**

A Mothers' and Babies' Welfare Centre is in operation, and is very freely availed of. The professional advice given to mothers and expectant mothers is thankfully received, and is proving an extremely valuable factor in the avoidance and amelioration of infantile arrangements. A Mothers' Club in connection with the Infants' School has given valuable assistance, and may be considered as the nucleus of a School Committee which will be formed when the Primary School is opened. The club has been instrumental in raising funds for the purchase of a piano, pictures, and other accessories not provided by the authorities, and which have been materially assisted in the children reaching what is acknowledged to be a high standard of efficiency for an infants school.

## **FINANCIAL.**

The original cost of the land in Colonel Light Gardens and Colonel Light Gardens West was £41,355 13s. 9d., in addition to which grants amounting to £6,000 were advanced by the Government to meet preliminary

expenses, a total of £47,355 13s. 9d. The whole of that sum, together with interest at a rate of 5½ per cent. per annum has been repaid. The Garden Suburb project has, therefore, been carried out without any cost whatever to the public. As will be seen in reference to the statement appended hereto, there is a credit balance in favour of the fund of £3,820 2s. 1d. as on 30<sup>th</sup>. November, 1926, in addition to which there are considerable assets on account of land yet to be realised.

## **CONCLUSION.**

The unique fact that every resident is the owner of the property occupied—a condition which probably does not obtain in any other instance in Australia—is reflected in the care bestowed on the homes and gardens; practically every resident is effecting improvements so far as time and means permits. The front gardens indicate constant attention, and considering the very short time that has elapsed since possession was obtained, the development has been phenomenal. There is a healthy emulation apparent in the beautification of the surroundings, a condition not usually manifest in districts where rented properties are the rule. The satisfaction frequently expressed by the residents in their changed environment is convincing evidence that the housing policy of the Government is appreciated by those who are so fortunate as to have obtained homes, and is distinctly encouraging to all connected with the movement.

I have, &c.,

C. D. HARRIS, Garden Suburb Commissioner.

# **GARDEN SUBURB COMMISSIONER**

## **—REPORT FOR YEAR**

### **1926-27**

GARDEN SUBURB ACT, 1919. Mercantile Chambers, Victoria Square East, Adelaide, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1927.

Sir— In accordance with the provisions of section 28 of the Garden Suburb Act, 1919, and section 7 of the Garden Suburb Act, 1925, I have the honour to submit the following report for the municipal year ended on the November 30<sup>th</sup> 1927.

### **SALE OF LAND.**

During the year under review the sum of £7,181 6s. 3d. was received from the sale of land, the total amount realised from that source since the inauguration of the Garden Suburb being £104,725 1s. 7d.

### **BUILDING ACTIVITIES.**

At the time of my last report there were 973 homes completed and 36 in course of erection. During the past year 81 houses have been completed. The total number of buildings, including business premises, churches, and in the course of erection is 1,131, of an estimated value of £1,008,477.

### **ROADS AND FOOTPATHS.**

With a view to reducing cost of maintenance and to minimise the dust nuisance, the whole of the roads in the suburb have been tar dressed. A light footpath power roller has been acquired with a view to placing the 26 miles of footways in order as early as possible.

### **STREET LIGHTING.**

Additional high powered lights have been installed, there being 82 well-placed lights at street intersections and other important positions, the whole giving a satisfactory result, equal to the lighting of most of the metropolitan residential areas.

### **EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES.**

The Infants' School, with accommodation for 500 children, is utilised to its full capacity, and the same remark applies to the Primary School with some 900 scholars. The School Committee, in addition to its other activities, has stimulated the children's interests in the surroundings of the buildings in the way of growing flowers, lawns, and hedges so that in the course of a few years the schools will be an exceedingly attractive feature of the suburb.

### **PUBLIC HALL.**

The hall erected last year has been in constant demand for meetings, socials, dances, and other functions. The revenue derived has exceeded expectations, and is sufficient to cover the instalments payable on cost of erection and all other expenses. An extension for storage purposes, also a room for the use of the local branch of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers' Imperial League have recently been completed.

## **TRANSPORT.**

The extension of the tramway from Angas Road to Springbank Road has proved a great boon to residents in the southern and western parts of the suburb. The Trust's buses running along East Parkway were made full use of so long as the route was continued through to the city, but recently the buses have been used as feeders to the terminus of the Hyde Park line at a fare of twopence, which makes the full fare to town fivepence: this is resented by the residents, who consider that the length of the route traversed does not justify such costly travelling.

## **RECREATION RESERVES.**

The extensive reserve known as Mortlock Park, is being developed as rapidly as funds permit. The playing oval has been levelled and the construction of a mound commenced: this will be continued as spoil is available. A surrounding picket fence will be erected in the course of a few weeks, the labour being supplied by the residents. The part set apart for a children's playground has a full set of apparatus supplied by the parents, and a shelter and conveniences have been provided in anticipation of the appointment of a supervisor, as promised by the late Government. The reserve in the northern end of the suburb is used at week-ends by more than 100 players. Two tennis clubs and a golf-putting club fully use the accommodation provided.

## **THEATRE.**

The Garden Picture Theatre, fronting Goodwood Road, erected at a cost of more than £2,000, has been opened a few months with satisfactory results. The residents highly appreciate the opportunity of indulging in their favorite form of entertainment without having to incur the cost of tram fares to a distant theatre.

I have, &c.,

C. D. HARRIS, Garden Suburb Commissioner.

# **GARDEN SUBURB COMMISSIONER**

## **—REPORT FOR YEAR**

### **1927-28**

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GARDEN SUBURB COMMISSIONER FOR THE YEAR 1927-28

Sir— I have the honour to submit the following report for the municipal year ended the 30<sup>th</sup> November 1928, in accordance with the provisions of section 28 of the Garden Suburb Act, 1919, and section 7 of the Garden Suburb Amendment Act, 1925.

### **SALE OF LAND.**

During the period under review the total amount received from the sale of land was £2,014 12s. 9d. The total receipts from the sale of land since the inception of the Garden Suburb is £106,739 14s. 7d., of which £47,324 18s. represents the sum paid by the State Bank in connection with the Thousand Homes scheme, and £59,414 16s. 7d. from private purchasers.

### **NEW BUILDINGS.**

During the past year 15 houses have been erected. The total number of buildings completed or in course of construction in the suburb to date is as follows:—

Homes.....	1,091
Business premises.....	20
Churches.....	6
Public halls.....	3
Total.....	1,120

### **ROADS AND FOOTWAYS.**

All roads have been surfaced with either tar or bitumen during the past four years, and for the year under review approximately 42,000 sq. yds. of roadway were resurfaced at an average cost of 6d. per yard.

The policy adopted of regularly patching potholes as they wear in the roads has proved economical, and it is estimated that it will not be necessary to re-surface the roads more frequently than once every three years. The use of an emulsified bitumen named “Colas” has greatly simplified the work of repairing roads.

### **FOOTPATHS.**

It is not proposed to do more than grade and screen the footpaths until the work of kerbing and channeling is completed. The 2.3 ton McDonald Kerosine Footpath Roller purchased last year has reduced the cost of footpath formation, and has been in regular use throughout the year.

Financial provision has been made whereby a number of streets will be kerbed in 1929, towards the cost of which owners of abutting properties will be required to contribute a moiety.

### **STREET LIGHTING.**

The desirability of providing adequate street lighting has been kept in view, and eight additional lamps have been installed, making a total to date of 114.

## **TREE PLANTING.**

Additional trees have been planted in various streets, and are making good progress. There are 1,787 trees planted in the suburb, and it is hoped that in the near future the appearance and amenity of the district will be greatly enhanced by the presence of the trees. Some damage has been caused by thoughtless individuals, but considering the extensiveness of the planting the percentage of trees damaged is small. The fact that the residents, with but few exceptions, own their own homes proves an incentive in checking damage.

## **ORNAMENTAL PLOTS.**

Progress has been made in planting small garden plots at road junctions and elsewhere, as laid down in the original plan. It is found that the best and most economical form of treatment is by grassing the plot and growing hardy shrubs. Flowers and annuals are not so satisfactory.

## **RECREATION RESERVES.**

On February the 16<sup>th</sup>. 1928, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir George Murray, opened the children's playground at Mortlock Park Reserve. The facilities for play provided in this reserve have been fully availed of by the children of the district, and particularly so by those attending Colonel Light Gardens primary schools adjoining. At the request of the playground committee the ground and apparatus is administered by this Department.

The Hill View playground situated at Penang Avenue, Colonel Light Gardens West, is in good order and, in addition to providing for the needs of the children, possesses four tennis courts. The local Progress Association attends to the apparatus, and the upkeep of the lawns and grounds generally is in the care of the Suburb Staff..

Two additional grass tennis courts have been established in the Reade Park Reserve, and have been leased to the Reade Park Tennis Club.

At present there are eight grass tennis courts, four bitumen courts, and 18 earth courts let to public clubs in the suburb. A bowling club has been formed, and arrangements have been made to lease to it a bowling green of six rinks. The green is in the course of construction and will be ready for use at the opening of the next season.

The sum of £242 4s. 7d. was received as recreation fees during the year.

## **INTERNAL RESERVES.**

An important progress was made in the development of the open spaces provided in the Suburb Plan, situated at the back of blocks of houses, usually referred to as "Internal Reserves" . There are 10 of these reserves, and up to recently it was thought that they would not be put to the use as intended. Owing to the time of the residents being taken up very largely in developing their own gardens and homes during the short time they have been in occupation, these reserves were neglected. Recently, however, residents have formed themselves into clubs for the purpose of planning and developing these internal reserves. The first club, known as the "Hartanus" Club, of which Mr. H. McGuinness, of Flinders Avenue, was the prime mover, graded an area for two tennis courts, and these were formally opened on the 13<sup>th</sup>. October, 1928. Since then two other clubs, called the Brownlea Reserve Club, and the Inner circle Club, respectively, have energetically undertaken the conversion of the reserves at the rear of their properties by providing tennis courts, children's play apparatus, and planting ornamental shrubs and trees.

The convenience of possessing a reserve for a block of houses is greatly appreciated by the parents who were assured that their children were playing under hygienic conditions and are free from the dangers of street traffic, whilst the tennis courts provide opportunities for recreation for residents of both sexes and all ages.

## **PUBLIC HALL.**

The hall has been in constant demand for meetings and social gatherings. At times the hall has proved to be too small, and it will be necessary in the near future to consider either the extension of the existing building or the erection of a new public hall on a block of land reserved for that purpose.

## **GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.**

The weekly collection of household refuse has been maintained throughout the year. Since May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1928, the collection and disposal has been let to a contractor, with a consequent saving of about 10s. per ton. The goodwill of the District Council of Mitcham in allowing the use of their tip has been of material assistance in keeping down costs. Formerly refuse was incinerated at the Unley Springbank destructor, but so long as the possibility of tipping the refuse under reasonably hygienic conditions are possible, the additional expense in disposing of refuse by incineration does not appear to be warranted.

## **OUTSTANDING RATES.**

The amount of outstanding rates is abnormal, and is due to the general unemployment and financial depression. Forebearance has been exercised in making demands on those ratepayers giving satisfactory reasons for the non-fulfilment of their municipal obligations. To meet the convenience of ratepayers rates have been allowed to be paid in instalments, and whilst the cost of such collection is necessarily greater, it is felt that but for the adoption of the procedure the outstanding rates would be greater.

## **PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

The Headmaster (Mr. C Hamence) and Staff, in co-operation with the School Committee on Arbour Day planted 104 trees, comprising eight varieties, on the 3½ acre block on which the primary school and infants schools stand. The planting was carried out after careful consideration of possible future requirements and based on a co-ordinated plan prepared by the Architect-in Chief and the Government Town Planner. The trees were provided by this Department and the work of preparing tree holes and supervising operations generally was done by the Garden Suburb Staff. When the trees are grown, the beautified surroundings should add very considerably to the appearance of the fine school buildings and prove a healthy influence in the lives of the young scholars.

## **TRANSPORT.**

The Municipal Tramways Trust has provided a satisfactory transport service for the residents of the Gardens to and from the City. A ten-minute service with a combined bus and tram operates on the eastern side of the Gardens, whilst a twenty-minutes service is in operation on the western side (Goodwood Road) . It is hoped that the traffic will soon warrant a ten-minute service on the Goodwood Road, and the Trust have this in view. To accommodate people using public transport services, rough seats have been provided on the tram and bus routes by this Department, and although the accommodation is somewhat rustic, the opportunity for resting while waiting for tram or bus is much appreciated by the general public. Steps have been taken to investigate the possibility of providing a bus service between Colonel Light Gardens and Brighton. Considering the proximity of the seaside resort to the Gardens, which has a population of not less than 7,000, it is hoped that residents will be able to reach the seaside in much quicker time than at present, and at a reduced cost.

## **COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS.**

The sense of public duty is well evidenced by the activities of the following organisations:—  
Mothers' and Babies' Health Association—Colonel Light Gardens Branch.  
School Committees.  
District Trained Nursing Society.

Colonel Light Gardens Choral Society.  
Local Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs—Girl Guides.  
Returned Sailors' and Soldiers' Association Sub-branch.  
Two Progressive Associations.  
Colonel Light Gardens Brotherhood.  
Brighton and Colonel Light Gardens Municipal Band.  
Library.

The above organisations are each fulfilling important civic requirements, and have received satisfactory financial support from the residents of the Gardens as required.

Owing to the general industrial depression, the churches and charitable organisations have been called upon to make greater efforts than usual to relieve distress. Special commendation is due to the Brotherhood as an undemoninational organisation formed for the purpose of relieving distress, which has raised and judiciously dispensed over £400 during the year in the District.

In addition three invalid chairs were bought for loan to deserving cases, and the Brotherhood have in view raising of funds for the purchase of an ambulance vehicle.

### **HOSPITAL CONTRIBUTION.**

The Garden Suburb having been declared by the Inspector General of Hospitals to be served by the Adelaide Hospital is called upon to contribute towards the upkeep of that Institution. The additional charge has been met without imposing a special or additional rate, by the reduction of expenditure in other directions.

Whilst the suburb may reasonably be called upon, in the absence of any local public hospital, to make a contribution to the Adelaide Hospital, the absence of any co-ordination between the Local Government Bodies and the Hospital Authorities regarding the policy of admissions to the Hospital appears to call for comment.

### **POLICE MOIETY.**

The annual contribution required for the maintenance of a police constable at Colonel Light Gardens has risen from £22 in 1925 to £155 11s. in 1928. This additional charge has been necessitated by the increase in population. The police district of which Colonel Light Gardens forms part has become too large for one police constable allotted to it and it is hoped that arrangements will be made whereby the Suburb will be constituted a separate Police District or an additional foot constable allotted to the existing district. At present that portion of the Mitcham District Council included in the Police District under discussion, contributes nothing to the maintenance of the police.

The spirit of co-operation and zeal evinced by the Police Department in coping with the difficulties attendant on a rapidly growing municipality is recorded with appreciation.

### **SUNDAY CLOSING OF SHOPS.**

The desirability or otherwise of enforcing the by-law dealing with the closing of shops (including exempt shops) on Sundays has received serious consideration. Until uniform action can be adopted in applying the by-law the shopkeepers carrying on trade on the east side of Goodwood Road would be placed under a severe handicap as compared to those on the west side which is in the jurisdiction of the Mitcham District Council. The licensing of shops for carrying on business in exempt goods only is urgently required, also the limitation of their hours of business.

### **TELEPHONE AND POSTAL FACILITIES.**

The subsidised Post Office was moved to a position close to the Picture Theatre on the Goodwood Road. The addition of a Money Order, Pensions and Telephone Trunk Call Office is appreciated. The new Post Office site is more convenient for the majority of residents, and business in consequence has greatly increased.

An additional Telephone Cabinet has been arranged for, and will shortly be in operation at the north-east corner

of the junction of West Parkway and Doncaster Avenue.

Block 326, Goodwood Road, has been purchased by the Postmaster-general for possible future requirements.

### **ADMINISTRATION.**

On December the 31<sup>st</sup>. 1927, Mr. C. D. Harris commenced four months' leave of absence prior to resigning from the position of Garden Suburb Commissioner which he held from the commencement of active operation of the scheme in 1920. On the 1<sup>st</sup>. May last, I had the honour of being appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Harris. I desire to acknowledge my appreciation of the able guidance of my former chief during the difficult times of launching and carrying through the Garden Suburb project. His long association with the Public Service, and his special administrative gifts eminently fitted him for the office.

To fill the vacancy caused by my promotion, Mr. C. B. Harris was appointed to the position of Secretary, and I desire to express my appreciation of his loyal and willing co-operation. Mr. J. H. Walters, who has been Foreman of Works at the Suburb since the inception of the Scheme, and his Staff of Workmen have rendered excellent service in carrying through the various Suburb undertakings.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant, Sir,

T. C. STEPHENS, Garden Suburb Commissioner.

# GARDEN SUBURB COMMISSIONER —REPORT FOR YEAR 1928-29

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GARDEN SUBURB COMMISSIONER FOR THE YEAR 1928-29

Sir— I have the honour to submit the following report for the municipal year ended the 30<sup>th</sup> November 1929, in accordance with the provisions of section 28 of the Garden Suburb Act, 1919, and section 7 of the Garden Suburb Amendment Act, 1925.

## SALE OF LAND.

During the period under review the total amount received from the sale of land was £1,087 12s. 4d. The total receipts from the sale of land since the inception of the Garden Suburb is £107,827 6s. 11d., of which £47,324 18s. represents the sum paid by the State Bank in connection with the Thousand Homes scheme, and £60,502 8s. 11d. from private purchasers.

## NEW BUILDINGS.

During the past year four houses have been erected. The total number of buildings completed or in the course of construction in the suburb to date is as follows:—

Homes.....	1,096
Business premises.....	21
Churches.....	6
Public halls.....	3
Total.....	1,126

## ROADS AND FOOTWAYS.

Approximately 40,000 yds. of road surface has been dressed during the year with either tar or bitumen, at a cost of 6d. per square yard. To maintain satisfactorily the surface of the roads throughout the Gardens entails an annual charge of £1,300, approximately. The footways have been screened and rolled where most urgently required, but, until the kerbing and watertabling is completed in any street, it is impracticable to lay down any permanent type of footway.

Further progress has been made in the construction of kerbing, and the following streets have been dealt with during the past year:—Dorset Avenue, portion of Kandahar Crescent, and Penang Avenue.

## TREE PLANTING.

The exceptionally dry season has necessitated a greater amount of hand watering and mulching of trees and shrubs than usual. During the planting season 348 trees and 1,728 shrubs were planted in the following streets:—Ludgate Circus, Piccadilly Circus, Oxford Circus, The Strand, Suffolk Place, Stafford Place, Prince George Place, Doncaster Avenue, Martlesham Crescent, Light Place, Rosemont Street. The above figures include replacements in various streets. The shrubs were principally used in forming a hedge around Mortlock Park, 1,500 Rhamnus hedge plants being used on the Sturt Avenue side of the Park.

The bulk of the trees and shrubs were grown in the depot nursery. Applications for an extension of the tree

planting operations have been received, but in view of the extra cost entailed, particularly during the drought conditions, in maintaining those already planted it is necessary to curtail the planting operations until some of the older trees have thoroughly established themselves.

The ornamental plots have been maintained at a minimum of expense. In some cases residents have undertaken to assist in watering of lawns and shrubs which abut on their property, and this co-operation is essential if the cost of these services is to be kept within reasonable limits.

I estimate the cost of tending trees, gardens, ornamental plots, and nursery to be £1,200 per annum, a relatively small sum considering the improvement of the appearance of the district and the relatively large number of reserves. It is pleasing to record that the amount of damage done to trees and shrubs during the year has been relatively small, indicating a realisation of the responsibility of parents, school authorities, and others in educating the young people to appreciate the beauty and utility of such municipal enterprise.

## **RECREATION RESERVES.**

The development of the recreation reserves has been steadily carried on. Space has been reserved and prepared for—four tennis clubs, one bowling club, one croquet club, one basket ball club, one football club, one soccer club, one cycling club, two cricket clubs, one golf putting club on the Reade Park Reserve, Mortlock Park, and Hillview Reserves. The children's playgrounds, situated at the Hill View Reserve and Mortlock Park, have been maintained in good order. The play apparatus is regularly examined for defects to obviate accidents. There are now three *Internal Playgrounds* developed, and it is hoped that others will be utilised now that a start has been made. The location and design of these reserves have occasioned considerable interest among land subdividers and inquiries from other parts of the Commonwealth.

## **STREET LIGHTING.**

One additional street lamp was installed at the junction of West Parkway and Suffolk Place, making a total of 115 lamps.

## **PUBLIC HALL.**

The need for a public hall to accommodate about 500 people is very evident. Two such structures are under consideration by private bodies. The small institute hall was fully utilised during the past winter, and it is hoped to effect minor improvements for the convenience of patrons.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH.**

The weekly collection of garbage has been satisfactorily carried out by the contractor. The few complaints received have, on investigation, proved that householders do not appreciate their duty to co-operate by storing refuse in sanitary and convenient receptacles. Garbage is deposited in its crude state at the Brownhill Creek depot, owned by the Mitcham District Council, and until a method is practicable which minimises the cost of collection and disposal to approximately the present cost an up-to-date plant for incineration is not justifiable.

*Infectious diseases.*—The number of cases reported were 154, compared with 50 for the previous year. The increase was due to the outbreak of measles in the metropolitan area; 104 cases of which occurred in the Gardens. The reported cases of pulmonary tuberculosis residing at the time of notification numbered nine.

*Births.*—Numbered 94 for the year, an average of 16 per 1,000 of the population. Particulars of each birth were forwarded to the Central Board of Health in accordance with the Notification of Births Act, 1926. The excess of births over death was 61.

*Infantile Mortality.*—one death occurred of a child under one year of age.

## **DEEP DRAINAGE.**

The reticulation of sewers has been carried out in Rozells Avenue, Penang Avenue, Corunna Avenue, Richmond Avenue, Martlesham Crescent, Rapid Avenue, and Light Place. The whole of the area of Colonel Light Gardens is now reticulated, and when the houses are connected in the above-mentioned streets the residents will appreciate the very great improvements to their living conditions.

## **PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

The trees which were planted last year have been maintained in good condition; seven trees were replaced. The School Committee contributed £20 towards the cost of watering and tending trees and shrubs. The recreational facilities provided in Mortlock Park have proved of great service, and together with the playground, are a valuable adjunct to the school activities. Owing to the prevalent distress, a committee under the direction of Pastor W. J. Smith supplied soup free of charge to children attending the schools and who were considered to be in needy circumstances. From July 1<sup>st</sup> to September 23<sup>rd</sup> 10,000 mugs of soup were served.

## **UNEMPLOYED RELIEF.**

The distress caused by unemployment in Colonel Light Gardens during the past year, and particularly the winter, necessitated the co-operative efforts of all residents to alleviate suffering. To this end the churches combined to form one committee, and as the result of the indefatigable efforts of all those connected with the organisation a great deal of good was done. Similarly, the Brotherhood, the School Mothers' Club and the R.S.A., St. Vincent de Paul Society did excellent work.

## **RATIONS.**

The Government scheme whereby men needing rations were required to perform work through the agency of the Corporation or Council in which they resided, was adopted by me in August, 1929. Employment representing in rations the sum of £511 13s. was provided. With few exceptions the men so employed exhibited a desire to render service for the rations received, and I desire to record my impression of the courage, cheerfulness, and good citizenship displayed by those so unfortunate as to have to draw rations in order to supply the necessary sustenance for themselves and their families.

## **OUTSTANDING RATES.**

The amount of outstanding rates is again abnormal, due to the general unemployment and financial depression. Sympathetic consideration has been given to all cases where satisfactory reasons for the non-payment of rates has been forthcoming.

## **HOSPITAL CONTRIBUTION.**

The levy imposed on the Garden Suburb for the maintenance of the Adelaide Hospital amounted to £139 19s. for the year. With the commencement of active administration by the Infectious Diseases Hospital Board further demands on the revenue are likely.

## **TRANSPORT.**

The inauguration of the new electric tram service between the City and Glenelg will prove of material benefit to the residents of the Gardens, enabling them to travel to the seaside quickly and cheaply. The bus service provided between the Garden Suburb and Brighton last summer proved of great convenience to the residents and was well patronised. It is hoped that a similar service can be maintained during the coming season.

## **POLICE MOIETY.**

The annual contribution made by the Garden Suburb towards the cost of maintaining a police constable at Colonel Light Gardens was £155 11s. The need for an additional policeman is now particularly evident and it is anticipated that a rearrangement of districts and duties will shortly be made by the Police Commissioner. The zeal and courtesy evinced by the officer-in-charge, Mr. W. Corner, is here recorded with appreciation.

## **COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS.**

The undermentioned societies and organisations are carrying out important and needful work in the community:—

District Trained Nursing Association.

Mothers' and Babies' Health Association.

School Committee and Mothers' Club.

Choral Society.

Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs

Girl Guides and Brownies.

Returned Sailors' and Soldiers' Association, Sub-branch.

Progressive Associations (2).

Brighton and Colonel Light Band.

Library Committee.

The Brotherhood.

Special reference should be made to the Relief of Distress Committee organised by the churches of the district, and the committee for providing employment. The first-named for collecting and making garments, distributing food and vegetables, and the later for collecting the sum of, approximately, £500, which was used to provide work for some of the unemployed. Without the aid afforded by these two organisations the plight of these out-of-work must have been much more severe.

## **ADMINISTRATION.**

I desire again to express my appreciation of the loyal and willing service rendered by Mr. C. B. Harris, Secretary, and Mr. J. H. Walters, Overseer of Works. The difficulties of additional work involved during the past year by the financial depression has been lightened by their valuable services.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. C. STEPHENS, Garden Suburb Commissioner

To the Honorable, the Minister for Local Government, the Minister administering the Garden Suburb Act, 1919.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF ANNUAL REPORTS

**The suburb was substantially completed by the end of 1929. The Depression had set in and little development work was able to be completed. The following summary is to allow the reader to follow the subsequent development of the suburb. Years not listed have no items of significance or have not been located.**

### **1929-30**

Homes	1108
Business Premises	20
Churches	6
Public Halls	4
	1138

Rechabite Hall built (now RSL)

Site at junction of Broadway and Doncaster Ave reserved for a soldier's memorial site. Children from the two

schools planted 26 shrubs and 6 trees on Arbour Day, 29<sup>th</sup>. August 1930.

Oxford Circus planted with trees and shrubs.

Street tree planting continued.

### **1930-31**

The bandstand relocated from the Hillview Reserve to Light Place.

### **1931-32**

It was reported that a total of 2,500 trees had been planted since the establishment of the suburb.

### **1934-35**

One new house built.

The school children continued to plant trees on Arbour Day.

### **1935-36**

Two new houses built, dwellings now total 1,110.

### **1936-37**

A contractor engaged to mow the grassed nature strips.

### **1938-39**

Land sold for 6 pairs of cottages.

Area at Piccadilly Circus and Doncaster Ave prepared for sale for 20 more housing blocks.

One pair of houses completed.

**1939-40**

One pair of cottages completed. One house built.

**1940-41**

One dwelling erected.  
Administrative office transferred to Colonel Light Gardens.

**1941-42**

Permits for five new dwellings granted.

**1943-44**

Five blocks sold, two blocks were subdivided.

**1944-45**

One new building, 29 blocks sold

**1945-46**

Six homes erected, nine blocks sold.

**1946-47**

12 homes sold

**1947-48**

Permits were issued for 5 new homes.

**1948-49**

permits were issued for 7 new homes.

**1955-56**

One new dwelling erected, bring the total dwellings to 1166.  
F. S. Henry's thesis on the suburb completed ( Master of Arts, University of Sydney.)

**1957-58**

Tram service on Goodwood Road stopped. Rebuilding of clubrooms on Reade Park.

**1958-59**

Reade Park clubrooms completed.

**1959-60**

All Saints Church of England new building was dedicated on 10/10/59.  
12 cottage flats at the Strand for the Freemasons opened 15/5/60.  
Painting of street names on the electricity (Stobie) poles.  
Stafford Place (located between West Parkway and Goodwood Road) renamed as part of Windsor Ave.  
Roundabout constructed at West Parkway and Salisbury Cres.

### **1960-61**

Christadelphian Church opened on 29/4/61.  
Subdivision of block 471 (cnr Broadway and Bedford Square.)  
Bus shelters installed on the bus route (Salisbury Cres and East Parkway)

### **1964-65**

Four pieces of road including two unused utility ways sold to adjoining property owners.  
Church of Christ new building opened on 5/6/65  
Guide Hall being built.

Gana Tennis club disbanded.

### **1965-66**

Freemasons purchased part of laneway at the Strand and West Parkway.  
New scout hall approved to replace frame structure.  
Guide Hall opened 14/8/65  
CLGRSL tree rink bowling green opened 2/10/65.  
Acacia trees at the Strand between West Parkway and Piccadilly Circus removed and replaced by Queensland Box trees.  
Mortlock Park Playground Committee disbanded.

### **1966-67**

Blocks 148, 167, and 221 leased to local nurseryman for citrus tree production.  
New Scout Hall completed and opened 2/10/66.  
Closing of Bond Street between Ludgate Circus and Goodwood Road/ Grange Road intersection.  
Closing of West Parkway between Oxford Circus and Goodwood Road/ Springbank Road intersection.  
Renaming of Bond Street between Ludgate Circus and West Parkway to a part of Salisbury Crescent.  
Renumbering of all of Salisbury Crescent.

### **1967-68**

New Parish hall for All Saints Church of England.  
New classroom and toilet block for St Therese Catholic School.

### **1968-69**

Block 53 also used by nurseryman for citrus tree production.

### **1969-70**

Jubilee celebrations of the Garden Suburb Act proclamation held on 19/2/70

### **1973/74**

approval for the basketball stadium at Mortlock Park.